Publication of a Book on History of the Railways

973. SHRI KHUSHWANT SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board had entered into an agreement on Feb. 28, 1980 with Shri G. S. Khosla, a retired General Manager of Indian Railways, commissioning him to write a book entitled 'A History of Indian Railways';

(b) whether the agreement between the Railway Board and the author included an undertaking to the effect that it would be Government's responsibility to publish the book at its own cost within a reasonable period; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons that the book has not been published for two years and four months after the submission of the manuscript by the author?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) to (c) Shri G. S. Khosla has been writing a book on history of Indian Railways, various aspects of which are currently under review by the Government.

Implementation of Schemes under Tribal sub-plan and Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes

974. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ninth Joint Conference of the Central Council of Health and the Central Family Welfare Council, held in New Delhi in 1983, had recommended that the States/Union Territories should take immediate steps to strengthen the infrastructural support for implementation of various schemes included in the Tribal Sub-plan and Special Component Plan for the Scheduled Castes;

(b) whether Government have received any action-taken report in the matter from all the States/Union Territories;

(c) if so, what are the deails thereof, State and Union Territory-wise; and

(d) if not, by when such reports from all the States/Union Territories are likely to be received.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Action taken report has been received from seven States and six Union Territories. The information received is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Action taken report received from State/Union Territories in respect of strengthening the infra-structural support

ASSAM: Noted for action.

BIHAR: Intra-structure support for implementation of various schemes included in the Tribal Sub-Plan and Special Component Plan are being provided according to the schemes included in the annual plan which is decided every year by the Working Group of Planning Commission and State Government.

HARYANA: The funds included in the Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes in the Plan schemes of the Haryana Health Department are being utilised fully, but no separate account for this purpose is being maintained because it is not possible to keep a separate account for this purpose.